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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE ON KAMPALA TALKS, DROC PROCESSES

REF: (A) STATE 65669 (B) STATE 68609 (C) STATE 70286

CLASSIFIED BY DCM IRVING FOR REASONS 1.5 (B), (D)

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[11.](#) (C) SUMMARY. OCM THANKED ZIMBABWEAN MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE FOR HELPFUL ZIMBABWEAN
ACTIONS IN KAMPALA. DURING THE COURSE OF THE
CONVERSATION, THE MFA REPRESENTATIVE MADE HELPFUL NOISES
ABOUT FACILITATING THE UPCOMING VISIT OF SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE WOLPE, BUT WAS OUT OF THE LOOP ON DETAILS
OF THE TRIP AND ON THE PROPOSED MAPUTO MEETING OF
CONCERNED HEADS OF STATE. HOWEVER, THE DETAILS OF S/E
WOLPE'S VISIT TO HARARE ARE BEING WORKED OUT AND ARE WELL
IN HAND. END SUMMARY.

ZIMBABWE HOPES FOR PROGRESS

[12.](#) (C) DCM AND TDY POLOFF (NOTETAKER) CALLED ON
AMBASSADOR GODFREY MWEDZI, GOZ'S DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, APRIL 13, TO CONVEY USG APPRECIATION FOR GOZ ROLE
IN KAMPALA TALKS (REF B). MAXWELL CHIKOROWONDA, GOZ
CONGO DESK OFFICER, SERVED AS NOTETAKER FOR THE
ZIMBABWEANS.

[13.](#) (C) MWEDZI RECEIVED OUR THANKS WITH FEW COMMENTS,
OBSERVING THAT IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT THERE HAS BEEN
PROGRESS IN A DELICATE PROCESS. HE SAID THE GOZ APPRECIATES
U.S. SUPPORT, WHICH HELPS BOOST CONFIDENCE IN THE PROCESSES
HE EXPECTS WILL FOLLOW FROM CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS.
MWEDZI EMPHASIZED THE JMC NEEDS TO BE CLOSELY FOCUSED
UPON. HE ALSO RECEIVED WITHOUT COMMENT OUR UPDATE ON
THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER BARAK (REF C).

[14.](#) (C) WHEN DCM INFORMED MWEDZI THAT SPECIAL REP WOLPE
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WILL BE ARRIVING NEXT WEEK, MWEDZI SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN
INFORMED OF THE VISIT THROUGH HIS CHANNELS, BUT EXPRESSED
A GENERAL WELCOME FOR THE VISIT. HE THOUGHT IT WAS
IMPORTANT THAT THE VISIT COME AFTER THE APRIL 14, WHEN THE
SITUATION IN DROC SHOULD BE CLEARER, AND PRACTICAL
ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION CAN BE SEEN.

[15.](#) (C) WHEN QUERIED BY DCM IF HE HAD ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED MEETING IN MAPUTO THAT
UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MENTIONED TO A/S RICE (REF A),
MWEDZI SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF CONCRETE PLANS FOR IT. HE
SAID HE WILL LET US KNOW AS HE GETS INFORMATION. HE
MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM THE GOZ WASHINGTON
EMBASSY ABOUT INQUIRIES FROM A/S RICE.

WANT TO SEE COOPERATION

[16.](#) (C) MWEDZI OBSERVED THAT WHAT IS NOTABLE ABOUT THE
KAMPALA MEETING AND CURRENT DISENGAGEMENT PLANS IS
THAT THE POSITIONS ON THE GROUND OF THE VARIOUS SIDES HAVE
CHANGED CONSIDERABLY IN THE NINE MONTHS SINCE THE SIGNING

OF THE LUSAKA ACCORD. HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT JMC AND MONUC NEED TO COOPERATE, AND THAT, IN FACT, WHAT HE CALLED "POINTLESS SQUABBLING" CAN WEAKEN THE JMC SYSTEMS. HE ADDED THAT GOZ WANTS THE UN DEPLOYMENT TO GO FORTH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND INTENDS TO KEEP THE PROCESS MOVING.

17. (C) MWEDZI CLOSED THE VISIT WITH AN INQUIRY ABOUT OUR READOUT OF THE DROC NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND THE VISIT OF
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NATIONAL DIALOGUE COORDINATOR MASIRE TO KINSHASA.
MWEDZI AGREED WITH DCM THAT THE PROCESS APPEARS TO BE STUCK IN NEUTRAL, AND ADDED THAT HE THINKS THE PROBLEMS MASIRE EXPERIENCED DURING HIS VISIT HAVE GIVEN HIM A CLEAR VIEW OF THE STATE OF PLAY IN DROC.

COMMENT

18. (C) MWEDZI WAS PLEASANT, BUT AS ILL-INFORMED ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES AND INTENTIONS AS ALWAYS. WE WILL FOLLOW UP TO ENSURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL REP. WOLPE'S VISIT ARE ON TRACK. ON A POSITIVE NOTE, WHILE MWEDZI IS NOT GOING TO REVEAL ANYTHING OF HIS OWN THINKING TO US, HIS ASSESSMENT THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DAYS AFTER APRIL 14 WILL BE TELLING AND HIS ASSERTION THAT THE GOZ IS EAGER TO PUSH THE PROCESS FORWARD PROBABLY REFLECT THINKING HERE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. END COMMENT.

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